



STATEMENT FROM OREGON JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER IN RESPONSE TO THE FAIR PUNISHMENT PROJECT REPORT: “THE PROMISE OF SANCTUARY CITIES AND THE NEED FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS IN AN ERA OF MASS DEPORTATION”.

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“This new report underscores the need for self-described ‘Sanctuary Cities’ such as Portland to address the huge consequences that seemingly minor local level enforcement action can have for immigrant Oregonians. Our city’s leaders must follow through on their words with actions that will protect families and our community.

Courts can adopt policies against arrest based on immigration status and can avoid inadvertent and unnecessary disclosure of immigration status. Law enforcement agencies can put a stop to “broken windows policing” that targets low-level offenders. Legislators can make fixes to the laws that will reduce the impact and consequences of criminal convictions on immigration status.

Our criminal justice system should not function as a pipeline, funneling Oregonians with minor criminal histories toward deportation at great cost to them and their families, to our economy, and to our community as a whole.”

*Statement to be attributed to Bobbin Singh, Executive Director, Oregon Justice Resource Center.*

In February this year, in partnership with the ACLU of Oregon, we released a 5-step action plan for local leaders to mitigate the impact of increased ICE enforcement in Oregon. More information is available at our website: ["Addressing ICE Enforcement in Oregon"](#)

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